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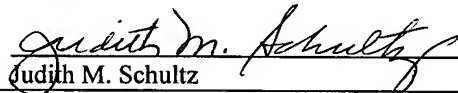
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Serial No: 10/017,475  
Filed: December 14, 2001  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RAPIDLY STERILIZING  
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**PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

A one (1) month extension of time, to and including June 21, 2002, is requested for response to the Notice To File Missing Parts Of Nonprovisional Application mailed March 21, 2002.

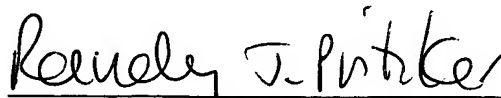
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